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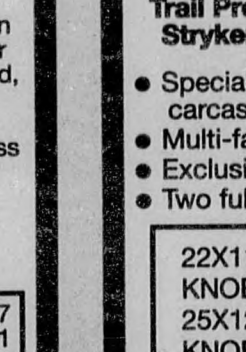
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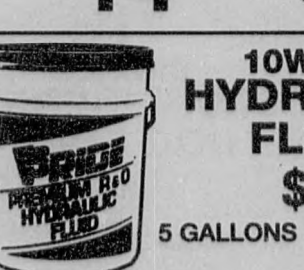


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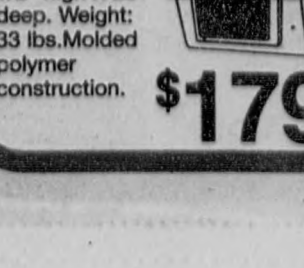
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Elba city officials are considering major sewer system rehabilitation project

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The City of Elba is involved in an on-going study of plans to rehabilitate the existing sewer system. Included with this rehab is extension of service to at least 120 existing homes which don't have the service. The project was started several years ago, in the Haywood administration. The present administration has continued the study.

Application has been made with USDA/Rural Development for a low interest/grant combination to fund the project. Elba only qualifies for a 20% grant, thus most of the proposed \$2.8 million project will be financed with a 40 year loan. The grant would be for \$461,000 and the loan would be in the amount of \$2,279,000, according to engineering estimates.

Elba city officials have continued to study the project and have held a public hearing to get community input. Only about a dozen citizens bothered to attend the meeting. A vote is expected in the near future on continuing the project.

Charles Peters, of Peters Municipal Associates engineering firm, is managing the study and the applications with Rural Development.

City officials have worked closely with Peters and Rural Development to get approval for lower sewer rates than what was originally recommended. That effort was successful, according to Elba Mayor James Grimes.

The present proposed sewer rates for residential users continues to be based on the volume of water used. However, the rates, which haven't changed in many years, will increase to meet the loan repayment schedule.

Data released by Mitchell shows that at present Elba's sewer rates are among the lowest in South Alabama.

Many of the areas in town which don't have sewerage collection would possibly qualify for 50% CDBG grant funds. One such project failed to get funded this year by only a very few points. City officials expect approval when they refile for funding on this much smaller project early next year.

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Northwest Florida. However the new proposed rates will move the community up with others who have had major sewer projects in the past few years. Elba's rate would be about mid-stream with other South Alabama communities with updated sewer systems. Glaringly out of step with this cost is Troy and Enterprise which have minimums of \$2.50 and \$2.52 respectively.

Areas to be included in the rehab of the major city-wide collection lines are those in the Cordelia Street and Brookdale Subdivision. These lines carry all the sewage to the lagoon. Collection lines on Old Samson Road and Brunson Circle are also included in the project.

New extension areas include U. S. Hwy 84 East, Herman Driggers Drive, Alabama Highway 125, Morrow Avenue, Alabama Highway 189 North, Winston Street, Woodland Drive, Taylor Mill Road and Wayne Garrett Drive.

Adding the 120 new sewer users will not get all Elba residents on the municipal sewage system. Surveys show that during the past 10 to 15 years, the outward growth from the central district leaves approximately 500 homes without sewer service. This pattern is reportedly typical of sprawling rural communities such as Elba.

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TWO-CAR PILEUP...A 1984 Oldsmobile being driven by Betty J. Coward, 41, of Mulberry St., Troy, AL, was rear-ended by a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Susan Cawley Sims, 29, of Rt. 4 Box 41, Elba, AL. Both Cawley and Coward were taken to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS. Also taken to the hospital were: Betty Duiett, of Rt. 4, Elba and Stacy Cawley Rt. 4 Elba, both were passengers in the vehicles involved in the collision. According to reports, the Coward vehicle had just pulled out of the Kleiner's parking lot when it was struck in the rear by the automobile being driven by Sims. The accident occurred shortly after 12 noon Friday, October 3. Units from the Elba Rescue Squad and Elba Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene. The accident was investigated by the Elba Police Department.

RECORD SETTING TWELVE MINUTE MEETING

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The members of New Brockton's town council conducted their monthly meeting in record time Monday evening, October 13, in observance of Columbus Day.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department answered 13 complaints during the past month (September), investigated one automobile accident, with one injury, made 3 arrests, and issued 38 citations.

He reported that the rescue squad made 8 runs while the fire department responded to 2 fires. Street department employees picked up 12 dogs and delivered them to the dog pound in Elba.

Councilman Ron McMonagle, noting the high number of animals picked up, stated that complaints of garbage cans still being turned over by stray dogs are still being received. He suggested that patrol hours by the "animal control officer" be changed to some evening hours.

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NEWS BRIEF

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby to address Coffee County residents at open, county-wide meeting. The Senator will be in Elba Friday, October 17, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. A county-wide meeting will be held in the council chambers in Elba City Hall located on Buford Street. Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda and other important issues facing Congress. Following the Senator's remarks, the floor will be open to questions and comments from those attending. Sen. Shelby said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for area residents to discuss the issues facing our state and our nation. I look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting." All area residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Several area residents have noted that they have recently received calls from this organization seeking donations with which to purchase bullet proof vests for law enforcement personnel.

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HAPPENINGS

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. The Elba Tigers travel to Geneva - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels are on the road against Fayetteville - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Goshen with game time set at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs travel to Straughn with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs are on the road against Frisco City - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. The Coffee County School Board meets Thursday (TODAY), October 9, at 6:30 in the BOE Office in Elba. A work session will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

BENEFIT BAR-B-QUE. There will be a benefit bar-b-que Saturday, October 11, at the home of Joe Morris in the Zoar Community. All proceeds (\$5.00 donation per

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Many of us enjoy pulling pranks on a friend. Sometimes payback can make one wonder if it was so funny to start with and/or worth the payback which is bound to come. It happened last week to some long time friends. Eddie Kelly tried such a stunt on Tim and Virginia (Stephens) Hornby, who now live in Headland. Payback came Friday night at the Elba-Headland football game when two deputy sheriffs took Eddie by the arm and said "come with us sir." A glimpse of Tim standing by the gate and rolling with laughter is probably all that kept straight-arrow Eddie from having a heart attack.

Last week the toll free number *The Elba Clipper* published for the new rural garbage pick-up firm was wrong. If there is ever any question about getting response from things published in your local newspaper, just ask the firm in Jacksonville, Florida which happened to own the number which was actually published. They were begging for relief and are due a great big apology, as are the people depending on this newspaper for their facts.

President Clinton has now used the line-item veto to cancel 38 projects from the recently passed military construction bill. The total cost of the 38 projects is \$287 million. Now Congress has 30 days to muster enough votes to override the veto on one or all 38 spending projects. Now it will be interesting to watch as many of the lawmakers who long supported the line-item veto right as they fight to override it's chopping off of their home state "pork" projects. Oh, three Alabama projects which had been added in the Senate by Senator Richard Shelby survived the veto pen. Two of those were in Montgomery and the other was at Redstone Arsenal.

Regardless of how often we read about another neo-Nazi meeting somewhere in the world, it still amazes us that sane, civilized human beings would even consider being a part of any such organization or hold such beliefs. It is one thing for youngsters to give a Nazi hand salute in youthful innocence, but another for people to deliberately and systematically support and/or further the horrible beliefs of the Nazis.

Credit cards gave us a new experience this week. Don't believe all this talk about "they might cancel your card if..." We pay the bills for an elderly widowed aunt who is having vision (and a lot of other) trouble. This month one bill was for \$18.00 to renew one of many credit cards she cradles in her purse. We talked her into canceling this one because it is never used. We couldn't cancel it! Even after explaining to the issuing authority that we were not going to pay the \$18, not ever, they wanted our "Power of Attorney." We had credit card numbers, bank account numbers, social security numbers, etc. We had details enough to get any information about the account a person could ever want - but we also still have the credit card and she still has the open \$8,000 account and owes the \$18.00! We are not finished, our next move is kinda secret, but that card will for sure be canceled... that we can promise.

Football is not going very well for many folks we talked with throughout the week. Elba High fans are having a very bad year, as are most high school followers in Coffee County. On the college level, both Troy State and the University of Alabama have come home licking some shocking wounds and neither of them has to face mighty Florida this year. Before any of you cry excessively, notice that the sun came up the next day and will continue to do so, regardless of the outcome of the game... and this is all it is, a game... for fun.

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ON THE RURAL ROUTE

News & Comments on Agriculture in Alabama

By Mark Morrison

It's been difficult to listen to a weather report lately without getting the latest update on "El Niño."

No, El Niño isn't some new combination platter on the menu at your local Mexican restaurant.

It's a freak weather phenomenon that international meteorological experts warn could turn the world's climate topsy-turvy in the next few months.

At a U.N.-sponsored global climate conference last week in Geneva, Switzerland, climatologists called the current El Niño building in the Pacific Ocean "the century's climatic event."

So, what exactly is El Niño? It's a warming of the waters in the southern Pacific. El Niño is Spanish for "The Child" and was so named by Spanish fishermen for Jesus, because it peaks around Christmas.

In an El Niño, the warmer ocean pumps more moisture into the atmosphere. The result: major changes in wind and rainfall patterns, causing drought in some parts of the world and floods in others.

There have been eight significant El Niños since World War II. They occur on average every four or five years, but irregularly—they can be two years apart, or as many as 10.

The last El Niño was 1987, causing the conditions in the southeastern Corn Belt. In 1988, El Niño reversed, bringing drought to the entire Corn Belt.

In 1982-83, though, the strongest El Niño on record hit. The historic storm resulted in a dramatic swing in the nature's global weather cycle that brought flood, fire, drought, and famine to five continents. The storm, which set off an unprecedented number of global disasters, claimed some 2,000 lives and cost more than \$13 billion in damages.

Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 30, 1997 through October 6, 1997. They were: Charles Britt, Jeffery Wright, Margaret Hussey, Cynthia Hudson, Kimberly Cooper, Belinda Scott, Jessie Davis, Belinda Ordon, Charles Lewis, Arthur Ott, Betty Adkinson, Mary Daniels, Ona Hudson, Betty Wilson, Buddy Parrish, Jo Ann Warren, Vickie McDonald, Bessie Rogers, Silas Mauldin, Travis Cooper, Aubie Cauley, Jonathan White, Emily Baxley, Reta Sheffield, Wayne Rugg, Melissa

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 29TH thru OCTOBER 8, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 29, 1997, investigated the following incidents: four harassments, one attempted suicide, five thefts of property, nine property damages, one reckless endangerment, one burglary, one criminal trespass, one menacing, and one assault.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for harassment, one for criminal trespass, one for failure to appear, and one for receiving stolen property.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for speeding and one for running a red light.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - River stage - 4.33 feet (6:38 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87N (9:00 a.m.); Rescue run to wreck on AL Hwy. 87N. (9:02 a.m.)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - River stage - 4.27 feet (6:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - River stage - 3.59 feet (6:18 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 - River stage - 2.60 feet (6:20 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on N. Clayton Ave. (9:11 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Stoumdie St. (11:06 p.m.)

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Freddy Clark Family

Freddy Clark Family to perform at Heart of Dixie Music Park

The Heart of Dixie Music Park will host a Bluegrass Festival on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11, and featured group will be the Freddy Clark Family.

Freddy Clark travels throughout the United States and Canada singing and playing various stringed instruments with his wife Sylvia and their nine sons and now twin baby girls, born Sept. 7, 1995.

Each of the boys has an ear for music and plays a stringed instrument along with their father.

The family performs Gospel music and selected traditional material, and recently made their debut appearance on Nashville Now. They also have a weekly television program.

Other groups performing at the Festival include Goldwing Express,



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am a member of the Five Star Fire Department. Our department answers calls of first responders to wrecks and other cases of emergencies.

The intersection of Coffee County Rd. 114 and State Rd. 167 has been the site of numerous accidents. I travel this route daily and have witnessed several mishaps myself.

There have been no fatalities thus far; however, I feel it is inevitable that such will occur in the near future. Therefore, I urge you to investigate the means by which to make this a safer intersection, whether it be by speed bumps, flashing lights, or proper signs.

This is a congested area due to the presence of a chicken processing plant that has shifted changes during the time that school buses are loading and unloading children.

If you will check the records of the Dept. of Public Safety, you will receive confirmation that the number of accidents here is excessively high.

I trust you will address this problem before a family member or friend is killed. You cannot put a price on the life of a human being.

As a father and grandfather I would appreciate any effort to correct this problem as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
REX HUGHES

Dear Editor,

Some great concern has come to my attention in reference to the person or persons involved in destroying properties in and around the City of Elba; these properties mainly belong to the elementary school.

I would like to inform the public that these incidents happened on different occasions. The Elba police are still investigating these crimes, and at this time one person has been arrested in connection with one of these incidents.

I would like to express to the general public, and especially to the students at Elba City Schools, that during this investigation I have interviewed several students who could have had some knowledge of these incidents, and I am very proud to say that in this matter the students I did talk to had nothing to do with the crimes committed.

We all know that people are going to express their opinions and ALL types of rumors begin floating around; regrettably, someone either saw these students at the police department or saw me talking with their parents, or just someone that had nothing better to do than to start rumors about these students.

When these matters came to my attention, I wanted the parents to understand that some people are going to say certain things - and being from a small town - everyone is going to have a different version of what actually happened.

But these students are being called names and made fun of, and this hurts their self-esteem and bothers me deeply; especially when I have a student embrace me with tears flowing from her eyes, and say, "Officer Senn, I feel that you think badly of me."

I reassured this student that she has nothing to be ashamed of or any reason to come down so hard on herself. She did not commit any crime - her name was just mentioned to me along with those of several other students.

Nevertheless, during my investigation, we must talk to everyone, regardless of the outcome, so that we can have an accurate account of what has happened. I do hope for these students' sake this letter will help clarify the actions that are being taken during this investigation.

I would like to say to these students that I apologize for the grief someone else has caused you - and let me reassure you that the majority of the people who really know and believe in you, know you would not do such a thing; and coming forward and talking to me was the adult thing to do - you should hold your heads up high.

Also, I have known most of these students since the time they were in elementary school, and taught many of them during the time I was involved with the D.A.R.E. Program. During that time I became very close to some of these students and their families and have a great love and concern for these students.

I do my best to keep up with what is going on with them as the years go by, and when they came by my office and expressed to me that they felt they had let me down, it touched my heart deeply. This made me feel that the students and I still have a close bond with each other, and all they need to do is just be exactly who they are.

Again, I emphasize that at this time there has been one person arrested in connection with this investigation.

Sincerely,
INV. JOHNNY P. SENN
Elba Police Department

Area Deaths

AVERY D. JACKSON

Mr. Avery D. Jackson, age 90, of Opp, died Oct. 3, 1997, in Mizell Memorial Hospital. He was a long time resident of Elba and Coffee County before moving to Opp.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, Rosa Jackson, and an infant son, Avery Dallas Jackson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Campbell Sasser, Rev. Larry Cummings, and Rev. Hoyt Cooper officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Brunetta B. Jackson, Opp; two daughters: Mary Edna Hildreth, South Gate, Mich.; and Dorothy Solomon, Ft. Gibson, Okla.; four step-sons: Victor Wyatt Sr., Mike Wyatt, and Leslie Wyatt, all of Opp; and Don Wyatt, Millbrook, Ala.; four step-daughters: Judy Cain, Troy; Nancy Tyler, Donna Harper and Melissa Mitchell, all of Opp; five grandchildren: Meredith Solomon, Donna Zuk, Margina Solomon, Tina Brandau, and Daniel Hildreth; 18 step-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

CECIL HUTCHINSON

Mr. Cecil Hutchinson died Sept. 15, 1997, in Dale Medical Center, Ozark. He was born May 23, 1911, in Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 1997, at 2 p.m. at New Salem Baptist Church of Brundidge, with Rev. James Pearson officiating.

Burial was in New Salem Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five children: Mary E. Pearson, Park Forest, Ill.; I.C. Hutchinson, New Jersey; Charles Hutchinson, Little Rock, Ark.; Lettine Liprot and Henry V. Hutchinson, both of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters: Lorene Lee, Froney, Cole; one brother: Ollie Hutchinson; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

LEE GENE (Po-Boy) ALLEN

Lee Gene (Po-Boy) Allen, age 70, of Brundidge, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1997.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, with Rev. Mack King and Rev. J. Turner officiating. Burial was in St. John Baptist Cemetery in Brundidge.

Survivors include special friend, Barbara Colson, Brundidge; children: Joyce Fortune, Sylvester, Ga.; Frankie Allen, Bartara Belcher, New Brodick; Tommy Allen, Brundidge; sister: Jewel Turner, Victoria Community; 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Allen was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Parrish Allen son Harvey Gene Allen, and daughter, Alvie Lee Allen.

LUE GENE MINCY

Mrs. Lue Gene Mincy, a native of Holmes County, Fla., died Sept. 25, 1997. She was born Sept. 16, 1917.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 1997, at 1 p.m. at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial was in St. Beulah Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Wilmer Mincy, Enterprise; a brother: Eliza Edwards, Crestview, Fla.

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Social and Community News

Lindsey-Anderson wedding to be held October 18th



Miss Lindsey

Mr. and Mrs. Huey M. Lindsey of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ginger Michelle Lindsey, to Kenney J. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Anderson of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Elba High School and a 1993 cum laude graduate of Troy State University at Dothan where she received a bachelor's degree in accounting.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Enterprise High School and is employed with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 52, in Montgomery. The wedding will be an event of Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church, Enterprise.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Little Miss Elba will attend Peanut Festival

Jesi Johnson, Little Miss Elba, will represent the City of Elba at the National Peanut Festival on Oct. 18. The Little Miss National Peanut Pageant will begin at 6 p.m.

Jesi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Farris of Elba. She is in the second grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Jesi says, "Being a Little Miss has been a lot of fun. I have been to ribbon cuttings, parades and lots of parties, and have made many new friends."

Jesi will spend the night of Oct. 17 in Dothan.

"The most fun of all will be representing Elba at the Little Miss National Peanut Festival," said Jesi. "I hope everyone will come out and support me at the Pageant."

Elba Elementary School to hold Fall Festival

Elba Elementary's Fall Festival will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30-7:30 at the elementary school. The Black and Gold Show will be held at 8 p.m. at the elementary school also.



Jesi Johnson



Miss Flowers & Mr. Anderson plan November wedding



Mr. Anderson, Miss Flowers

Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival to be held

The 21st annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 17, 18 and 19 in Niceville, Fla.

This year's event is dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Air Force. Continuous professional entertainment is planned throughout the weekend, with musical styled from Cajun to Country and Pop and R&B. There will also be continuous clown shows as well as pony rides, petting zoo and cartoon characters. In addition to tons of mullet, there will be other varieties of seafood, Cajun food, home cooking and international menu selections.

There will be arts and crafts shows also. Parking and stage entertainment are free.

Admission is \$1.00 per day for age 12 and older.

Niceville is located about 50 miles east of Pensacola in Florida's Panhandle, on State Highway 85.

For more information call Walt Spence at 850/678-1615.

MY PURSE, containing my glasses and other personal items, disappeared from my car at Big Little, 84E, Thursday, Oct. 2, between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

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Miss Jones

Miss Jones to marry Mr. Rideaux

Mr. and Mrs. Burlvie Jones of Elba announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Effie Lavon Jones, to Rev. Ricardo Rideaux, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ethen Rideaux of Elba.

The wedding will be an event of Oct. 25, 1997, at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba, at three o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

No formal invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited.

Petting Zoo to be held at Coffee County Farm Center

A Petting Zoo will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 14 and 15.

This event, sponsored by the Coffee County Farm-City Committee and the Coffee County Office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, will be for all Kindergarten children throughout Coffee County.

Buses will carry the children to the Farm Center to visit the Petting Zoo between 8:30 and 12 noon.



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Stamp Show to be held at Fort Walton

Stampfest IV '97 will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, at Ft. Walton Beach, presented by the Panhandle Philatelic Society.

The show will be held in the Ft. Walton Beach Knights of Columbus Hall on Carol Street, just off Mary Esther Cutoff. Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission is free and ample free parking is available. Free stamp collecting newspapers will be available.

Dealers from all over the south will offer a wide variety of U.S. Confederate, and worldwide stamps and covers, as well as stamp collecting supplies and literature. The U.S. Post Office will offer current U.S. stamps at a booth at this show.

The first quarterly show for 1998 will be held Jan. 31 at the same location.

For additional information call Fred Braddock at 850/651-2770.



Matthew Kelley

Matthew Kelley is one year old

Matthew Kelley, son of Gary and Kathleen Kelley, turned one year old Sept. 1.

He celebrated his birthday with his grandparents, Laverla and Elvin Prichett, and Betty Gaddie.

Also in attendance were his Uncle Mike, Aunt Brandi, friends and neighbors.



Victoria Baptist Church announces the arrival of a new pastor, Rev. John D. Johnson will preach his first sermon at the church on Sunday, Oct. 12. His family consists of his wife, Janice, son, Daniel, and daughter Dawn. Everyone is invited to attend services at Victoria Baptist Church.

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All proceeds from this service will help sponsor the annual free community-wide Christmas dinner for the less fortunate. Donations are welcome.

Everyone is invited.

*Mustard Seed Foundation News

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Members present were Zealon Smith, Sis Wambles, Inez Wambles, Sammie Wambles, Louise Wambles, Frank McCollough, Linnie McCollough, Harper Smart and Ted Smart. Some members were missing due to illness.

The group would like to invite others to come and enjoy the fellowship.

For more information about the Mustard Seed group, call 735-2453.

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Church Notes

Mt. Olive to celebrate homecoming Sunday, October 12th

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Pine Level Community will have Homecoming Oct. 12.

Regular services will be observed, with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11:00.

Lunch will be served at noon, and there will be special singing in the afternoon, featuring the Thompsons of Grand Ridge, Fla. Singing will begin at 1:30.

Everyone is invited to these special services.

Whitewater Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming

Whitewater Baptist Church will celebrate its 136th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 12.

The festivities will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a time of fellowship and refreshment. Sunday School will start at 10, followed by morning worship at 11:00.

Special music will be provided by Deryl and Pam Hunt of Wetumpka. The message will be brought by Pastor Danny Maddox, followed by "dinner on the ground."

Everyone is invited to attend.

First Assembly of Kinston to celebrate 75th Homecoming

First Assembly of God at Kinston will celebrate their 75th Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 12. Rev. Vaudie Lambert will be guest speaker.

Dinner will be served following the morning service. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel Singing to be held at Jack Assembly

"The Shepherds" a Gospel singing group, will appear at Jack Assembly of God on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

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Devotional by visiting deacons, professional - Rev. J.R. Parks, Deacon M.C. Lawrence.

The guest choir will render music, welcome and occasion by Sis. Cora McBride. Sis. Carolyn Black will render a solo. As a pastor and Sunday School Teacher - Dea. M.C. Lawrence; prayer - Rev. Mose Rodgers; and Scripture will be read by Minister L.V. Johnson.

Speaker - Rev. A.R. Williams. Mistress of Order - Sis. Estella Lawrence.

***Salen-Enterprise Baptist District Association, Women's Dept. Matron's Auxiliary was held Friday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., the first annual recognition banquet, at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton.

Sixth Grade Band Report

by Elizabeth Strong

As many of you have seen, the EHS Marching Tiger Band has had an excellent year and has made great progress. However, the high school band students are not the only ones shining so brightly. Recently some sixth-grade band students expressed their feelings on the growing Elba Elementary School band. Here are some of their responses.

KATIE DRIGGERS
Our band has grown and progressed so much in the last year. Everyone has a lot of fun working with Mr. Maddox. Our band's first concert was a Veteran's Day program outside and it was freezing. Then we were amazed by all the bands at the Little Big Horn Marching Contest in Opp.

Mr. Maddox gave us two pizza parties last year which (of course) we enjoyed. We stole the show at our Spring Concert! We also played for kindergarten graduation. That was a lot of fun!

We went down in the history books for being the first beginner band to finish the purple book. I never thought band would be this much fun. It couldn't get any more fun! Or could it?

ANNA ANDERSON

Get ready for the Tiger 6th Grade Band. We love to play our instruments for Mr. Maddox, and having fun with the other band members. Sometimes we are

grate Mr. Maddox a little too much, but we still love him. We can play a lot of songs and there are lots of band members, too.

KACI GRANTHAM

Well, it's another year in the Elba Elementary School Band for us band students, but we enjoy it. We're learning how to play fun and wonderful songs. On Fridays we have fun day. That's where we get to play neat and unusual songs out of our purple book. We played every song in the purple book by the end of the year (last year).

This year we've started on the green book which is a higher level than the purple book, but we would have never made it there without the help of our music teacher, Mr. Maddox. He's been through all the times we clariets squeaked or when one of the percussion played a wrong note.

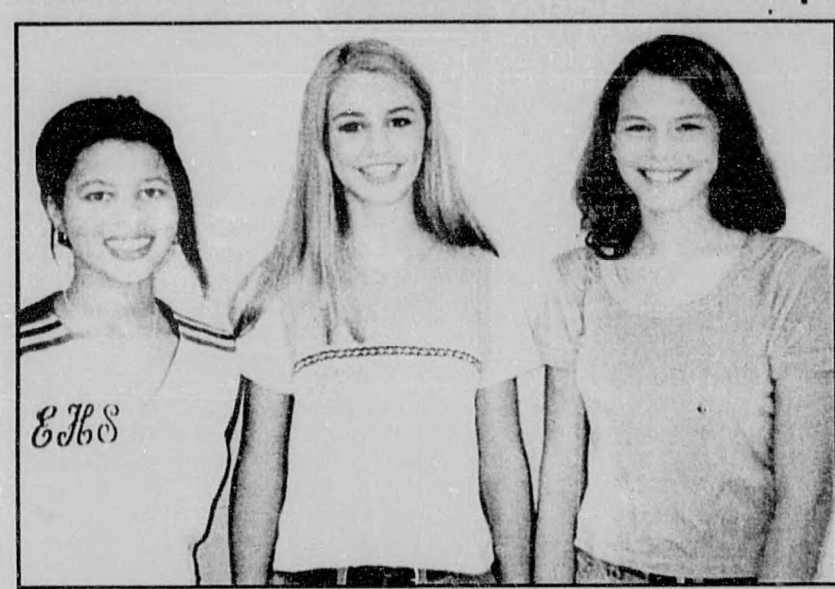
So I don't know about you, but I like being in the Elba Elementary School Band.

CHRISTY EUBANKS

Our Elba Elementary Band has been growing rapidly. The 6th Grade Band started with 15 original members. Today our band has 19 members. Our band director, Mr. Maddox, is very pleased by this number. We have not only been growing in size, but also in talent. These things are mainly due to Mr. Maddox's patience and caring.

SALUTE

Beta Club's Veteran Leadership



Elba High School's Junior Beta Club is forty-four members strong this year. Sponsor, Karen Bowers, has veteran leadership assistance with Valerie Moore, president, Oneida Davis, vice president, and Shay Johnson, secretary.

The club has already had success with a doughnut sale this school year and raising money for Elba Elementary School students in need of supplies. Activities such as this help affirm the purpose of Junior Beta, which is to promote the ideals of honesty, service, and leadership among students.

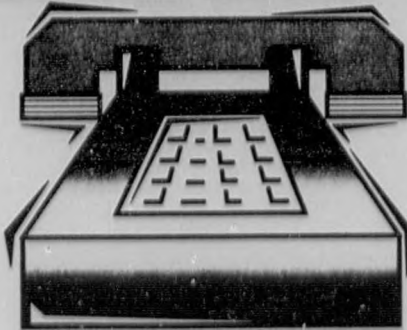
Elba Elementary School Menus

Oct. 14 - 17, 1997	
Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Holiday	Monday - Holiday
Tuesday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Cheeseburger, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Tomato, Lettuce, Dill, Plum, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Half Orange, Peanut Butter Cake, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk	Friday - Taco Salad/Tostitos, Lettuce, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Half Apple, Milk

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Tiger Tales



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New Spirit Competition

by Bonnie Vaughan

For the past two years, the Elba Varsity Cheerleaders have held a spirit competition in which a black and gold "spirit stick" was hidden, and classes searched for it based on two clues.

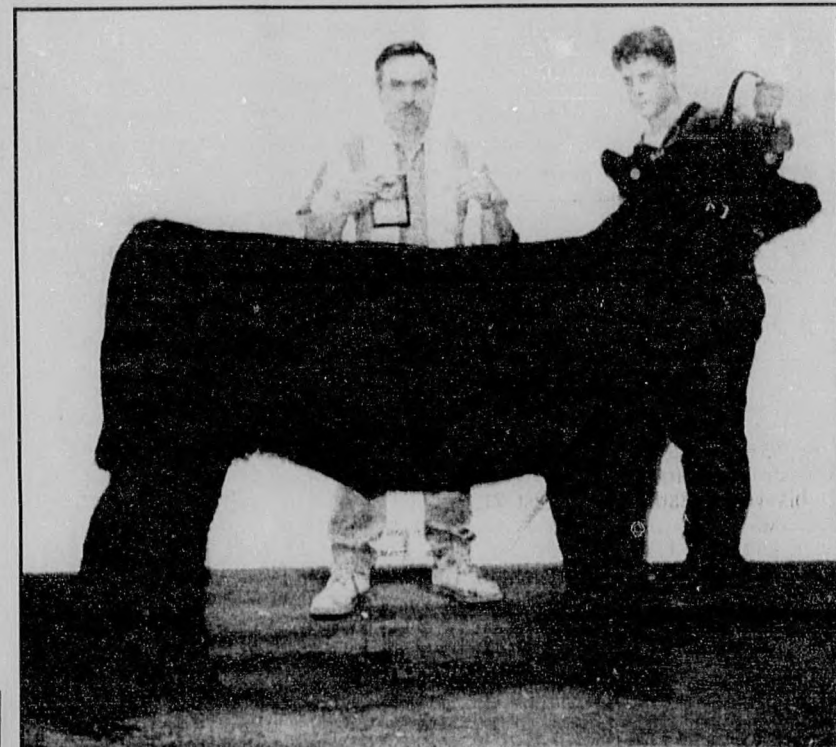
Now the competition has expanded away from the high school campus and has taken hold of downtown Elba! Wednesday through Friday, a different clue is given each day during school. The clue represents some business in Elba. If a class guesses what business the cheerleaders have selected, they win!

One of last week's clues was "you can meet George, Tom, and Ben here"

any day of the week" George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Ben Franklin are all on a different bill. What place downtown has many dollar bills? A bank! But which bank?

The second clue was a series of foods whose first letters spell out the People's Bank. The freshmen class was the lucky bunch who guessed last week's clue.

The class with the correct guess wins a paw on the Tiger Paw Spirit Chart! At the end of the year, the class with the most "spirit paws" (based on correct clue guesses and spirit shown at the pep rallies) is rewarded with a "cake and soft drink" by the Varsity Cheerleaders.



Farris Wins At Steer Show

by Diana Jackson

Matthew Farris recently won big at the steer show in Pine Mountain, Georgia, on September 20. He and his steer, Docker, were Grand Champions of the show. They won their Lite Weight Division Class and placed 3rd in Showmanship.

Matthew's steer, Docker, was one of the 30 steers representing Alabama and Georgia in the Pine Mountain Valley Ag. Fair and Rodeo. Matthew and Docker will be competing at the Alabama National Fair on October 10-11 in Montgomery.

At 7:10, Christian music was played as students, teachers, and parents arrived. The theme song for the day's event was "Let Us Pray" by Steven Curtis Chapman.

There was an opening prayer given by Jennifer Holland, an eighth-grader at Elba High. Bethany Dye, a freshman, read a Bible scripture, and a personal testimony was given by senior Stephen Adcock.

Three songs were sung by the gathered crowd: "I Will Call Upon the Lord," "Raise Him, Praise Him," and "Casual Christian."

Bucky Carlisle, a junior, read another Bible passage and discussed a bit about his passage. The event ended after students gathered in groups and prayed for one another.

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VICA Spotlight



by Matthew Farris

This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on four of Elba High School's students that are employed at Kleiner's. Kleiner's is a very important business in Elba's economy and makes sleepwear for children and other articles of clothing such as shirts and slacks. It is also a large employer of Elba's citizens.

The first student we will focus on is Wade Parker, a senior at Elba High. Wade works in the receiving department and supplies the ladies on the line with the material. He is the son of Mozelle and Jackie Parker and is involved in VICA, football, and baseball.

After high school, Wade plans to attend college where he will major in sports medicine.

The second senior employed at Kleiner's is Randy Dodd, son of Elaine and Jim Dodd. Randy works in the shipping department where he drives a forklift to load the boxes on the truck. He is actively involved in FFA, VICA, and enjoys going out on weekends.

After graduation Randy plans to attend Troy State University where he will major in forestry management.

Lisa Wing is a junior at Elba employed at Kleiner's. Lisa works in the personnel office typing papers, filing, and answering the phone. She is the daughter of Jan and Bill Murray and is an active member of VICA and FBLA. After high school, Lisa plans to attend Troy State University where she will major in computer science or physical therapy.

Our final student in this week's VICA Spotlight is Tonya Johnson, also a junior at Elba High. She is the daughter of Patricia Smith and Michael W. Johnson. Tonya works in the label room at Kleiner's making price tags for the garments. She is an active member of VICA and FBLA and after graduation, Tonya plans to attend college where she will major in computer programming.



by Marsha Maudlin

Diana Jackson, a junior at Elba High School, recently participated in the Grand Championship Spotted Saddle Horse Show at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Diana, who has been showing horses all her life, placed seventh in the world in the Juvenile Lite Shod division. She has been working the horse, named Magnum Color, for nine months. To prepare him for the show, she washed, groomed, and warmed him up.

Magnum Color, owned by Larry Grantham, was judged on his appearance and performance in the ring. The show lasted from Friday, September 16 to Sunday 20 with over one hundred participants competing with their horses. She really enjoyed working with and showing Magnum Color.

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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie had been begging me for a couple of weeks to get her something called a "Jig-A-Pet," and even told me where I could go to get her one. She didn't tell me the price, which seemed a little high to me, but after driving over to Enterprise one day last week I bought her the so-called pet, which is really nothing more than a small computerized toy which beeps when the owner forgets to feed or walk the imaginary dog inside. It is supposed to help teach youngsters responsibility, or so they say, because while Melanie does keep the "new" dog fed, Dad still has to take care of the "real" dog outside. At least I didn't have to get her the toy with the dinosaur inside. It may not have beeped when it got hungry!

ELBA TIGERS STUMBLE AND FALL IN HEADLAND

The Elba Tigers found out Friday night that they could be defeated by any team on their schedule, no matter what happened only one year ago, as they traveled to Headland and lost to the Headland Rams 24-21, in a game the Tigers definitely could have, and should have won. The Tigers clobbered the Rams 44-0 last season and were convinced they would end their losing streak, but Headland was ready to play and in the end it appeared that the Rams simply wanted to win more than the Tigers.

The Elba offense was more balanced than it had been all season, but committed five turnovers, two of which led to two Headland touchdowns and fourteen points. The Tigers ran the ball up and down the field in the first half and at intermission had 164 yards rushing, which was more than double the total amount the Tigers had averaged for the entire game in their opening four losses. The running attack slowed down in the second half and managed only 74 additional yards, but still proved that it was a force to be reckoned with and helped open up the passing game. Julian Mitchell had the biggest night of the season for the Tigers with 129 yards on 20 carries, while Eric Jordan also had a good night with 49 yards on six carries. While the Tigers did connect on five passes for 95 yards, it was the pass that got away that may have been the turning point of the game. With Elba holding on to a 14-point lead late in the second quarter, the Tigers went to the air on a third down play and saw Headland intercept the pass and return it for a touchdown that gave the Rams a breath of life. Headland failed to make even one first down in the entire first half, but the pass interception cut the Elba lead to 14-7, and made the Rams believe that they could still win the game. The offense did show improvement moving the football, but suffered five turnovers and also made five penalties, which is hard for any team to overcome, much less a team that is fighting to get its first win.

The Elba defense totally dominated the action throughout the first half and at intermission had limited the Rams to no first downs and only 18 yards in total offense. A big 71-yard touchdown run early in the second half allowed Headland to tie the score; however, from that point in the game until the Rams got the ball back with 7:07 left on the clock, the defense was again in command and limited the Ram offense to 34 yards in offense, and

turned back a couple of Headland scoring opportunities. The dominance ended at that point for the Tigers, as Headland drove 60 yards for the eventual winning score and pulled out the win. While the Elba defense dominated for much of the night, and kept the Tigers in the game for much of the second half, it failed to stand up to the challenge late in the game when the outcome was on the line. The defense has been a source of strength throughout the season, but Friday night simply couldn't come up with the big play when it counted most.

OK, everyone knows that the Tigers are 0-5 at the midway point in the season, and the players and coaches have all heard the arm-chair quarterback predictions that the Tigers won't win a game the entire season. The players and coaches have to remember that the season is only half over, and that the Tigers have a real chance to win their remaining games if they re-dedicate themselves and take each game one play at a time. Sure it hurts to be 0-5 after working so hard for the past three months; however, the only way the pain is going to go away is to win a football game, and whether or not many Elba fans believe it, the Tigers do have the talent to win this season against every single team left on their schedule. The key is for the players to believe in themselves and their coaches, and to try to win each game one play at a time. Forget what has happened. The season still has five weeks left and that is more than enough time to turn things around. It won't be easy, but it can be done if the Tigers can dig down and find that pride that once made the Elba Tigers the best team in the state. Hey guys, it's up to you and how bad you really want it!

AREA TEAMS STRUGGLE IN WEEK 5 ACTION

The high school football season reached the midway mark last week, and while the folks from Zion Chapel enjoyed their ride to Camp Hill and claimed win #3, the rest of the teams in the area suffered through a week they would like to forget. Here's a look back at the week that was...

***ZION CHAPEL (3-2) took no prisoners in its battle against the Lyman Ward Rangers and came home with a big 48-6 win. The Rebels lost to the Rangers only one year ago and were invited guests for the Rangers' homecoming party Friday night. However, the Rebels proved to be real party-poppers as they left town with the win. Don't look now, but Zion Chapel may very well be headed for a winning season.

***NEW BROCKTON (3-2) continued its roller-coaster ride through the early part of the season by being blanked by Red Level 7-0. The Gamecocks were a little banged up after their big win over Georgiana, but the loss Friday night wasn't because of the injuries. It was because of the fact that Red Level was more determined than the Gamecocks and may have wanted a little bit more. The Gamecocks are still a very good team, however, and still have many more wins headed their way.

***KINSTON (0-5) hung tough for a half against undefeated G.W. Long before wearing out and taking it on the chin 31-7. The Bulldogs battled the highly-touted Rebels on even terms throughout the early going, but in the end simply didn't have the numbers to hold out for all four quarters. This bunch of Bulldogs may be 0-5, but they play as hard as any team around and before long will step up and surprise somebody. Just remember where you saw them.

***BRANTLEY (3-2) simply was no match for its cross-county rivals from Laverne and got whipped 42-12 in a game that really wasn't even as

close as the lopsided score might indicate. The Bulldogs' primary weapon ended at that point for the Tigers from Laverne had more speed than the Bulldogs, and the result wasn't very pretty. Brantley did escape the game without any injuries, however, and you know the Bulldogs still have a lot of barking left before the season winds down.

WEEK 5 PROVIDES SURPRISES IN LOCAL MATCH-UPS

By the fifth week of the season one would assume that the good teams had settled down and that the bad teams would be looking forward to basketball season. That wasn't true last week, however, as upsets were easy to find in just about every class. Here are a few.

***CLASS 6A - Carroll, of Ozark, ended four weeks of frustration by stunning 5A power Eufaula 43-7. The Eagles recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff and returned it for the first score of the night, and from there it simply snow-balled for the Eagles as they won in an unexpected rout. Carver, of Montgomery, fell to 0-5, but gave unbeaten Dothan all it could handle before falling 10-7 in overtime. Maybe the Tigers aren't as great as many may have thought.

***CLASS 5A - Even though they didn't win, Andalusia upset a lot of people from Troy before Charles Henderson scored in the second overtime to edge past the 1-4 Bulldogs 24-17. The Trojans may be the state's most deceiving 4-1 team, regardless of class. I don't think it was an upset, but the folks in Opp will argue the point after Greenville handed the Bobcats a 28-14 setback. The Bobcats are still a very good team, they just played someone a little bit better.

***CLASS 4A - I guess it can't really be called an upset when a 4A team beats a 2A team; however, I will call last week's 17-14 win by Daleville over Cottonwood an upset. The Warhaws entered the game with a 1-3 state, but showed once again that they are always a team to watch out for. Back to the 4A vs. 2A question! Maybe the outcome wasn't that big an upset, but the score had to be as Geneva routed previously undefeated Samson 63-17. The 4A Panthers had lost to the 2A Tigers for a number of years, but Friday night the paycheck had to be sweet.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Colbert County has made a habit of beating bigger teams over the years, so, anyway you look at it, Friday night's 47-6 loss at the hands of Desher had to be an upset. It will be interesting to see if the blowout loss was a wake-up call, or if Colbert County may not be as good as originally thought. It won't go down in the books as an upset, but the people up in Lamar County have to be upset after their team fell to 0-5 with a 13-6 loss to 4A power Fayette County. Lamar County may be 0-5, but two of the losses have been to Hazlewood 27-26 and now to Fayette County. Maybe the record doesn't tell the real story.

***CLASS 2A - Catholic, of Montgomery, saw its three-game winning streak snapped with a 22-21 loss at the hands of Calhoun, a team that entered the game winless. I know that both teams aren't very good, but it was a big upset. The folks over in Houston Academy have to be upset after the Lions fell to 0-5 on the season with a 57-0 loss to Ashford. The fact they have been outscored 175-32 in the five games probably has the fans even more upset.

***CLASS 1A - The people over at Houston Academy were convinced that the Raiders were in store for a big season-loss in the early part of September, but are now mighty upset as their team has fallen to 1-4 after a 42-7 setback at the hands of Montgomery Academy. The Raiders have been outscored 121-27 in their losses, which is a reason to get upset. The McKenzie fans are also a little upset after being blown out by Exeter 67-16. The Tigers' season has gone from bad to worse after an early-season upset with over Flomaton.

ONCE OVER, NOT SO LIGHTLY...

***I don't care what the bookies might have stated, or the fact that Kentucky had not defeated Alabama in football for the past 75 years. The Wildcats' 40-34 win over the Crimson Tide Saturday night was not an upset! The Tide is obviously down due to its three years on probation, and it will take at least two or three years for the Bama fans to recognize the championship caliber teams they have come to expect to see on the field. Alabama will get its share of wins, but not as many as the fans would like.

***The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team had one of its biggest days ever last Tuesday afternoon when the junior high team, the junior varsity and the varsity all claimed impressive wins over New Brockton. The Elba teams won two straight games in all three matches, and showed everyone in attendance that Elba is finally beginning to make some strides on the court. With the teams all winning, better days have to be on the way.

***The lights are being installed at the Elba High baseball and softball fields, which means the Tiger teams may finally really have a homefield advantage. I don't think the fields were really needed; however, the school officials always wanted to have their own fields on campus, and now they have just that.

***Everything is proceeding ahead of schedule on the Elba Recreation Department's plans to renovate the old Army Reserve Center into a regulation basketball court that will house the department's various youth leagues. The youth leagues have had to practice at the high school for years, but will soon have their own court and will have a home of their own. When the renovation is complete, the department and school will have their own facilities for all sports.

***New Elba basketball coach Marlon Johnston is already getting a little excited about the upcoming season. Coach Johnston has stated that the Tigers have some very good players on all levels, and that the program isn't anywhere nearly as down as any think. We'll soon see.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG...

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office Sunday afternoon and was complaining about all the upsets that took place in the fifth week of the high school season. He admitted that the upsets gave the fans plenty to talk about, but was upset that he missed eight picks, even if he did get 43 correct. For the year the local guesstest stands at 172-33, which is an 84% average. Not too shabby.

ELBA VS. GENEVA
Two teams headed in opposite directions will butt heads Friday night in Geneva when the winless Tigers tangle with the high-flying Panthers. Former-Elba graduate and assistant coach Leavy Boutwell will have his troops ready when they hit the field, and while the Panthers will be big favorites, the Tigers won't go down without a fight.

GENEVA 27 ELBA 13

NEW BROCKTON VS. GOSHEN
The last time the New Brockton Gamecocks lost a game they bounced back and claimed two big wins. However, this week the Gamecocks will be heading up to Goshen to battle the undefeated Eagles, and the feathers will be flying when the teams tangle. It will go down to the fourth quarter before being decided.

GOSHEN 33 NEW BROCKTON 22

KINSTON AT STRAUGHN
The Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Straughn in search of their first win of the season, but will find a hungry bunch of Tigers waiting when they arrive. If the Bulldogs can get a few breaks they could pull off the upset; however, the Tigers are a lot better than their 1-4 record might indicate.

STRAUGHN 27 KINSTON 7

BRANTLEY AT FRISCO CITY
The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to get a leg up on a spot in the playoffs this week when they take the long ride down to Frisco City to battle the top-ranked Whippets. Brantley will be a huge under-dog, and everyone knows that a Whippet can outrun a Bulldog. However, these Bulldogs do have some real speed and will pull off a shocking upset.

BRANTLEY 20 FRISCO CITY 19

OTHER PICKS:

Samson 27 Arcton 6
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In the 15-5, 15-2 win over Houston Academy, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Tiffany Rhoades with 23 sets, Kaci Fleming with 17 serves, Allie Sumblin with 12 sets and Suzanne Rhoades with 18 digs.

In the 15-5, 15-3 win over G.W. Long, the Lady Bulldogs Kaci Fleming recorded 4 kills, while Allie Sumblin had 4 sets, Kaci Fleming and Tiffany Rhoades both had 9 serves and Rhoades and Fleming both added 5 digs.

In the 15-1, 15-2 win over Red Level, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Kaci Fleming with 2 kills, Tiffany Rhoades with 6 sets, Lana Odum with 17 serves and Suzanne Rhoades with 4 digs.

Kinston, ranked third in the state in Class 1A-3A, improved its record to 24-4 with the wins.

Lady Bulldogs roll on in prep volleyball play

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued to roll past all challengers in high school volleyball action last week by claiming big wins over Samson, W. Long, Red Level and Houston Academy.

In the 15-5, 15-2 win over Samson, Tiffany Rhoades led the Lady Bulldogs with 23 sets and 16 serves, while Kaci Fleming recorded 8 kills and Allie Sumblin and Suzanne Rhoades both had 16 digs.

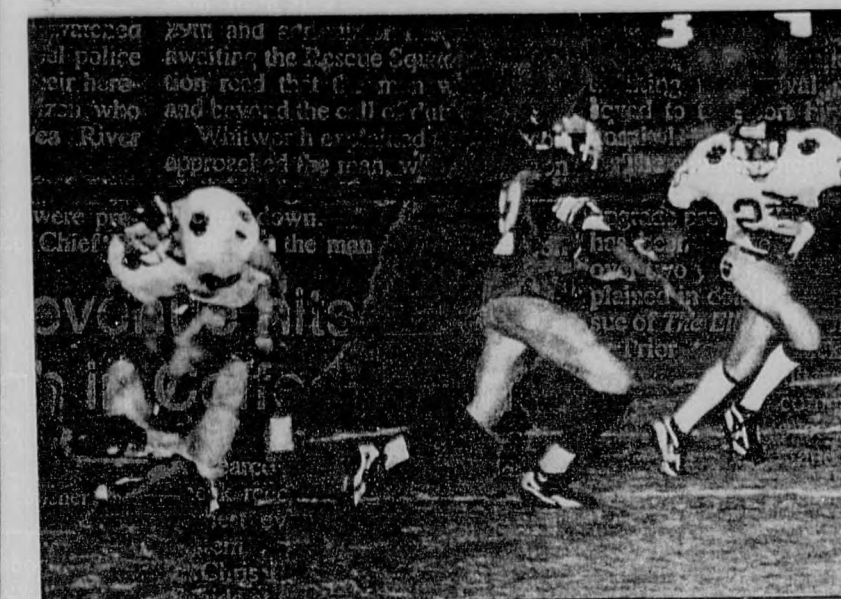
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Elba's Eric Jordan (9) heads upfield after pulling in a short pass in the Tigers' 24-21 loss to Headland.



Tiger receiver Derrick Duncan (25) looks for running room on a reverse in last week's Area clash with Headland.



Elba quarterback Derek Marler (14) cuts in the middle of the Headland defense for a big gain Friday night.



Elba's Chad Mashburn (66) leaps high in an attempt to disrupt a pass from the Headland quarterback.



Elba's Julian Mitchell (5) breaks a tackle and eyes the endzone as he scores on a 60-yard run in action Friday night against Headland. The Tigers will travel to Geneva Friday night to battle the 4-1 Geneva Panthers.

Tigers outscored by Rams 24-21

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their football fortunes go from bad to worse Friday night as they blew a 14-point second quarter lead and lost to the Headland Rams 24-21, in Headland. The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-5, 0-1 in Area play, while Headland improved its slate to 3-2, 1-0 in Area action.

The two area rivals swapped turnovers on the first three possessions of the night, with Elba's Dustin Stinson and Julian Mitchell recovering Ram fumbles to give the Tigers the early momentum.

The Tigers began their third series of the night at their own 22-yardline and drove 78 yards in 10 plays to light up the scoreboard!

A 13-yard pass from Derek Marler to Eric Jordan on third down and six was a key play in the scoring march, while Julian Mitchell was the workhorse on the ground with 46 yards on six carries and got the touchdown on an 8-yard run. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 0:00 showing on the clock at the end of the first quarter the Tigers were on top 6-0.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 12-yardline early in the second quarter following a defensive stand, and this time drove 88 yards in eight plays to get back into the endzone.

Julian Mitchell was again the Tigers' main weapon during the scoring drive with 83 yards on five carries, and Mitchell scored his second touchdown of the game on a 6-yard dash. Mitchell ran in for the two-point conversion, and with 5:13 left in the half the Tigers were in complete command with a 14-0 lead.

Elba regained possession at its own 18-yardline with 3:37 remaining in the half, but then saw disaster strike, as on third down Corey Danzey stepped in front of a Derek Marler pass and raced 27 yards for a Ram touchdown. Witt Goodwin booted the extra-point, and with 2:05 left in the half Elba's lead was cut to 14-7.

The Elba offense was determined to increase its lead after the sudden Headland score, and with the aid of two major distance penalties against the Rams marched to the Headland 18-yardline with only 1:16 left on the clock.

The Tigers were unaware that the clock had been re-started following the second penalty, however, and a hurried pass fell incomplete in the endzone at the horn as the Tigers were forced to carry the 14-7 lead in at intermission.

Headland kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back on an Elba punt and needed only two plays to take the Tigers. The Ram score came on a 71-yard run by Corey Danzey, and Goodwin added the extra-point, as Headland pulled into a 14-14 tie with 8:56 left in the third quarter.

The teams swapped fumbles on their next two snaps, with Elba's Ronnie Davis pouncing on a Ram bobble at the Elba 13-yardline to kill a Headland threat.

A short punt set the Rams up at the Elba 33-yardline midway through the third quarter, and this time Headland did get on the scoreboard to take its first lead of the night.

The score came on a 37-yard field-goal by Witt Goodwin, and put the Rams on top 17-14 with 4:40 remaining in the third stanza.

The Headland touchdown brought the Tigers back to life, and Elba took the ensuing kickoff and responded by driving 65 yards in seven plays to regain the lead.

An 11-yard scramble by Derek Marler on a third down and 10 was a key play in the scoring march, while Eric Jordan had two big runs for 37 yards to add the long drive.

Marler scored the touchdown on a 1-yard sneak, and Marcus Parker booted the extra-point to give the Tigers a 21-17 advantage with 2:03 left in the third quarter.

Elba's Jawanne Hughes recovered a fumble with 7:57 left in the game and it appeared that the Tigers were ready to put the game away. However, the Tigers gave the football right back on another fumble, and the Rams responded by driving 58 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead in the wild area affair.

Elba appeared to stop the drive on only its second snap with a fumble recovery near midfield, but the ball was awarded back to Headland, and the Rams promptly marched down the field toward the Tiger endzone.

The score came on a fourth down and one when Corey Danzey danced in from seven yards out, and Goodwin again added the extra-point, as Headland moved ahead 24-21 with 2:56 remaining in the game.

The Tigers were down, but not about to quit, and stunned the Rams on the second snap of the ensuing series when Derek Marler hit a streaking Julian Mitchell across the middle and Mitchell raced 65 yards before being caught from behind at the Headland 5-yardline.

A penalty on first down left the Tigers facing a first and goal at the 10-yardline, and two plays later the Tigers were still at the 10, facing a third down and goal. A 7-yard run by Julian Mitchell left Elba facing a fourth and goal at the three, and after a time-out, Marcus Parker was called upon to boot a 20-yard field-goal that would send the game into overtime.

Parker's kick never got up, however, and as it rolled through the back of the endzone, so did the Tigers' hopes of a win, as the Rams celebrated with the 24-21 upset over the Tigers.

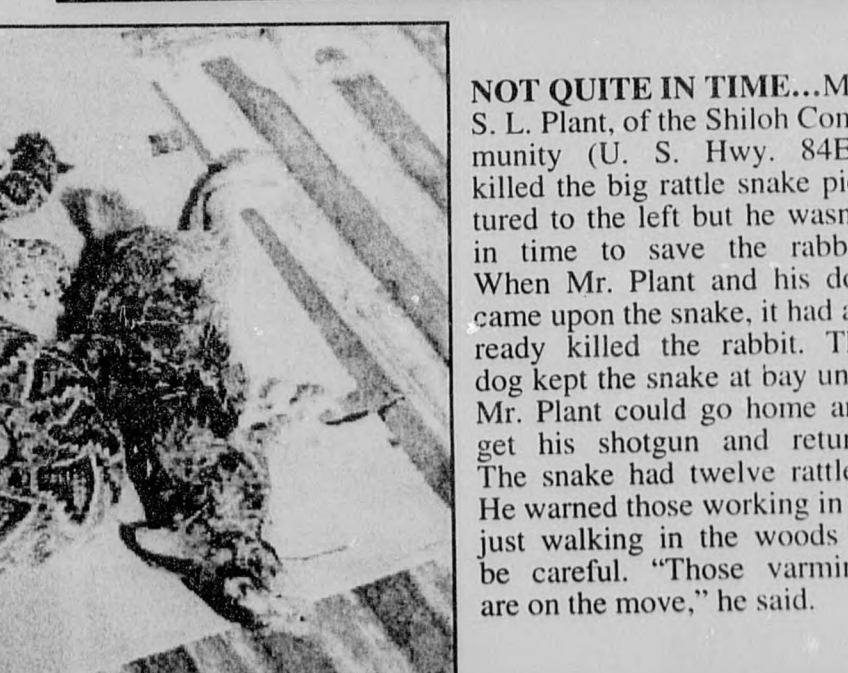
Julian Mitchell gained 129 yards on 20 carries and caught one pass for 65 yards to lead the Elba offense, while Eric Jordan added 49 yards on six carries and pulled in two passes for 23 yards.

Elba's Tony Burks (42) recovers a loose ball during action Friday night in the Tigers' 24-21 Area loss to Headland.

Elba's Derrick Duncan (25) finds this pass just out of reach in first quarter action during Friday night's 24-21 loss.

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Elba to travel to Geneva

Tigers still searching for win #1

The Elba Tigers will be looking for their first win of the season Friday night when they travel to Geneva to tangle with the vastly-improved Geneva Panthers.

The Tigers will bring an 0-5 record into the clash after suffering losses to Charles Henderson 16-14, Laverne 21-7, Georgiana 20-7, Opp 32-6 and Headland 24-21.

Elba saw its playoff hopes suffer a huge blow in last week's loss at Headland; however, the Tigers did show improvement in many areas in the loss and should be confident that they can be competitive against the 4A Panthers.

The Elba running game produced its first 100-yard night of the season against the Rams as Julian Mitchell gained 129 yards on 20 carries, and Eric Jordan added 49 yards on just six carries. The Tiger offense had been less than impressive on the ground in the opening four weeks of the season, but rolled up 238 yards a week ago, and appeared to be coming into its own.

Derek Marler hit on 5 of 16 passes for 95 yards in last week's loss, but continued to be impressive throwing the football, and last week completed passed to four different receivers.

While the Elba offense did roll up a total of 333 yards and score three touchdowns, it was also its own worst enemy with a total of five turnovers, two of which Headland turned into 14 points.

The Elba defense held Headland without a first down in the entire first half and only seven throughout the game, but did allow a 71-yard touchdown run and late in the game allowed the Rams to march 60 yards for the winning score. Tony Burks was the leader on defense in the loss, while Ronnie Davis was solid at linebacker. The defense dominated for much of the game but failed to come up with the big plays when the game was on the line.

The Geneva Panthers, coached by former-Elba standout Leavy Boutwell, has been the surprise team of South Alabama this season and will carry a 4-1 record into Friday night's contest.

The Panthers have posted wins over Geneva County 31-0, Redbeath 25-14, Slocomb 48-13 and Samson 63-17, while falling to Cottonwood 33-10.

The Panthers have used their ground-control, wing-T attack to bully opponents this season; however, last week they used their speed to post the lopsided win over previously undefeated Samson.

In the win over Samson, the Panthers proved they could score from anywhere on the field as Ainsley Taylor scored on an 82-yard punt return. Des Cox scored on a 98-yard kickoff return and a 65-yard run from scrimmage. Eric Minnick added a 69-yard scamper from scrimmage for a score!

While Geneva showed all in at-

tendance that it had speed to burn, the Panther offense also proved it could grind out the yardage as Mike Brown bulled for 157 yards on 15 carries and added three touchdowns. Brown and Nick Prytula were the headlines on defense as they combined for 22 solo tackles in the lopsided win over the 2A Tigers.

Kickoff for the game is 7:30 PM.

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Area teams hit the road Friday night for week #6 of high school football season

The high school football season will enter its sixth week of action this Friday night with all the teams in the area hitting the road for battles against highly-favored opponents.

New Brockton at Goshen

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to get back in the win column and take a giant step toward making the 2A playoffs Friday night when they travel to Goshen to

meet the undefeated Goshen Eagles, in an Area match-up.

The (3-2) Gamecocks saw their two-game winning streak come to an end last week with a stunning 7-0 loss to Red Level. The Gamecocks' offense missed two chances to pull out the win late in the game, but it still a high-powered unit led by the running of Lee Flowers and Jerry Haynes. The Gamecock defense had

performs its best night of the season, but couldn't pitch the shut-out and took the loss.

Goshen will bring a perfect 5-0

record into the clash with wins over Arton 21-12, Coffeyville 41-8, Brantley 35-16, Straughn 34-12 and Georgiana 34-7. The Eagles have speed to burn on both sides of the football, and are determined that this is the year they make their mark in the playoffs.

Two teams with plenty of speed will be on display in this contest, which should help clear up the Area race as the season rolls along.

Kinston at Straughn

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hunting their first win of the season Friday night when they travel to Straughn to tangle with the Straughn Tigers.

The Bulldogs have been able to play on even terms with every team on their schedule through the opening two quarters of their games; however, a lack of depth has proven fatal in their trip through the 2A ranks.

Straughn will bring a less than impressive 1-4 record into Friday night's battle, with losses to Brantley 14-13, Baker 48-14, New Brockton 27-12 and Goshen 34-12, and a lone win over Florida 41-25. While the Tigers are also one of the area's top performers, and will provide the Bulldogs with a real test.

The fatigue factor might not be as great this week for the Bulldogs; however, Straughn is a lot better than its record might indicate, and Kinston will certainly have its hands full.

Brantley at Frisco City

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to remain unbeaten in their Area Friday night when they travel to Frisco City to do battle with the #1 ranked Frisco City Whippets. Brantley saw its record slip to 3-2 last week with a 42-12 loss to Luverne, but the Bulldogs do have one of the state's top young backs in Bo Daniels and a rugged defense led by Alan Compton and Jonathan Billups, and can compete with anyone on their schedule in the 1A ranks.

Frisco City will bring a 5-0 record and the #1 ranking in Class 1A into the Friday night clash. The Whippets have looked awesome in rolling to their top spot in 1A circles, and have claimed wins over A.L. Johnson 12-6, J.F. Shields 39-8, Sweetwater 42-33, Florida 55-22 and John Essex 44-0.

While their #1 ranking will make the Whippets the obvious favorite, Brantley fears no challenger, and will be looking to win in this important area match-up.

Zion Chapel - Open Date

A heavy New Brockton pass rush forces the Red Level quarterback to throw high in last week's 7-0 Gamecock loss.



New Brockton's Lee Flowers (33) gets an escort from teammate Demetrius Foster (79) as he bursts through a gaping hole in the Red Level defense. The Gamecocks will be on the road again this week when they travel to Goshen for a key Area match-up.



New Brockton's Lee Flowers (33) heads outside the Red Level defense during action Friday night. Flowers gained 90 yards on 18 carries in the Gamecocks' 7-0 loss to the Tigers.

Tigers blank 'Brockton 7-0

Statistics by Andrea Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw two fourth quarter drives fall short of the goal line Friday night as they were upset by the Red Level Tigers 7-0, in Red Level.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 3-2, while Red Level improved to 2-3 with the win.

While the New Brockton offense couldn't get anything going due to the poor field-position and the aggressive Tiger defense, the Gamecock defense was ready to play and turned back a number of Red Level threats deep on the New Brockton end of the field.

The only Gamecock drive of the half came late in the second quarter when they put together three first downs to reach the Red Level 34-yard line.

The drive was highlighted by the running of Lee Flowers and Jerry Haynes, but died when Jason McKenzie was hit for a 5-yard loss, and two straight passes from Kellen Cole fell incomplete.

New Brockton came out determined to get on the scoreboard on its initial possession of the second half and behind the running of Laroyce Haynes marched to a first down at the Red Level 27-yard line.

The Gamecocks moved to a fourth and one at the 18, but on the key fourth down play McKenzie was hit for a two-yard loss, and the drive was stopped.

Red Level took over at its own 20-yard line and marched 80 yards in 17 plays to score the only points of the night.

Sixteen of the Tigers' plays were on the ground, with Jerome Whitaker being the workhorse of the drive by gaining 33 yards on 10 carries. The score came on a 1-yard blast by Joey Curry, and the extra-point was true, as Red Level took a 7-0 lead with 2:21 left in the third quarter.

New Brockton began a drive on its own 40-yard line midway through the first stanza and seemed ready to finally get into the endzone as the Gamecocks marched 55-yards in four plays to reach a first down and goal at the Red Level 5-yard line.

Lee Flowers gained 38 yards on three carries and Jerry Haynes gained 16 yards on one tote as the Gamecocks moved deep into Tiger territory. However, the Red Level defense stiffened, and on fourth down and three stopped Laroyce Haynes two yards short of the goal line to turn back the New Brockton challenge.

The Gamecocks got the ball in the closing minutes of the game in their own 35-yard line following a Tiger punt, and once again headed downfield in an attempt to pull out the win.

The Gamecocks moved to the Red Level 11-yard line behind the running of Lee Flowers and a 30-yard pass completion from Jason Alums to Laroyce Haynes, but two straight passes failed to find their target, and on the game's final play Lee Flowers was tackled at the 8-yard line as Red Level held on to top the 7-0 win.

Lee Flowers gained 90 yards on 18 carries to lead New Brockton, while Jerry Haynes added 63 yards on 8 tries. Jerome Whitaker gained 93 yards on 22 carries for Red Level, which ran the ball 52 times to control the clock against the high-powered New Brockton offense.

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Miller & Golden post wins at Mudd Traxx

The Coffee County Mudd-Traxx held a big night of racing on Saturday, Sept. 27, with Anna Miller and Doug Golden both claiming a pair of wins.

Lee Boutwell won the Factory Stock event in "Sport Rod's Hot Rod."

Anna Miller won the top prize in the Factory Modified event behind the wheel of "Anna's Toy," and was followed in order by Billy Nelson in "Master of Disaster" and J.J. Wallace in "Party Time."

Anna Miller also took the top spot in Ladies Factory Modified, again behind the wheel of "Anna's Toy." Cindy Nelson, in "Master of Disaster," placed second, while Anna Miller also claimed third, this time behind the wheel of "Party Time."

Doug Golden, driving "Poison Passion," claimed first place in Super Stock, followed in order by Mark Tilley in "Playin Dirty" and Michael Kelley in "Play Time."

Lisa Boutwell, driving "Poison Passion," claimed first place in Ladies Super Stock, while Tammy Golden placed second in "Blue Thunder" and Hollie Kelley took third in "Play Time."

Doug Golden claimed the top prize in Pro Stock driving "Blue Thunder," followed in order by Jamie Hurd in "Mama's Nightmare" and Gary Hughes in "Strictly Business."

The next night of racing will be held on Saturday, October 11, with the racing set to begin at 6 PM at the track, located off Highway 87, North of Elba.

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Rebels rout Rangers 48-6

By Code Shiver, SportsWriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels packed up their bags for the long trip to Camp Hill Friday night to battle the Lyman Ward Fighting Rangers, and although it was the Rangers that were celebrating homecoming and their centennial celebration, it was the Rebels that did the actual celebrating as they romped to an easy 48-6 win to improve their record on the season to 3-2.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff, and wasted little time heading toward the Ranger endzone behind the running of Durane Flowers. The Rebels reached the Lyman Ward 9-yard line, but three plays later faced a fourth and goal back at the 25, and failed to cash in on the early scoring opportunity.

Zion Chapel got the ball back at the Lyman Ward 31 following a short punt, and this time did put points on the scoreboard, with the first touchdown of the night coming on a 10-yard dash by Junior Jones. Jones, who kept the drive alive early with a 14-yard run on fourth and five, also added the two-point conversion as the Rebels moved ahead 8-0 with 2:58 left in the opening stanza.

Lyman Ward got a break late in the quarter when the Rangers recovered a fumbled punt at the Zion Chapel 35-yard line, however, the Rebels' Eric Shadish pounced on a Ranger fumble only three plays later to kill the scoring threat.

The Rebels recovered yet another Lyman Ward fumble at the Ranger 45-yard line midway in the second quarter, and this time the Rebels went to the airways, as tight-end Jamie Hall hauled in a 25-yard pass to put the Rebels in business at the Ranger 20-yard line.

Two incomplete passes and some miscommunication by the Rebel offense slowed the march, and the Rebels saw another scoring chance go by the board.

Lyman Ward punched the ball out 17 yards in three plays, but then saw the Rebel defense step up as Durane Flowers stepped in front of a Ranger receiver and race 30 yards with the interception to put the Rebels back on the scoreboard. Flowers added the two-point conversion, and with only :44 left in the half Zion Chapel had increased its lead to 16-0.

Zion Chapel's Brad Ashby recovered a Lyman Ward fumble on the first snap of the second half to put the Rebels in business at the Ranger 35-yard line, and nine snaps later Ben Pritchett barreled in for another Rebel touchdown. The two-point try failed, but with 6:24 left in the third quarter Zion Chapel was in command with a 22-0 advantage.

Lyman Ward finally gave its fans something to cheer about on the ensuing kickoff as the Rangers returned kick 76 yards for a touch down. The extra-point try failed, but Lyman Ward was still alive as it had cut the Zion Chapel lead to 22-6 with 6:08 still remaining in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel's offense needed a long drive to quiet the Ranger momentum, and the Rebels got just that as they marched 45 yards in five snaps to reach the Lyman Ward 16-yard line. Two holding penalties and a fumble pushed the Rebels back to the 30, but it made little difference as Durane Flowers got the call on the next play and rambled 30 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try again failed, but the Rebels were back in charge with a 28-6 lead with 2:32 left in the quarter.

Zion Chapel began its next series at its own 30-yard line following a Lyman Ward punt, and once again used the speed of Durane Flowers to reach paydirt!

The scoring drive got off to a slow start after a major distance penalty against the Rebels; however, things soon speeded up as Durane Flowers took a handoff and raced 71 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try was unsuccessful, but the Rebels had increased their lead to 34-6 with :07 still remaining in the wildcat quarter.

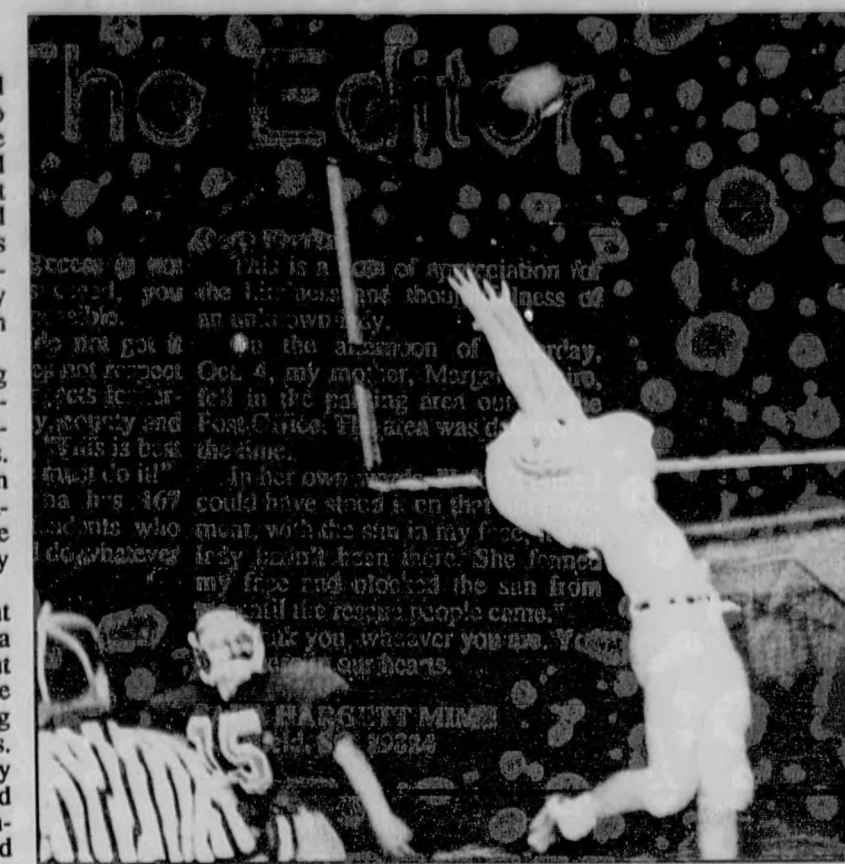
The Zion Chapel defense, sparked by the play of Daniel Pridgen, forced a Lyman Ward punt, and the Rebel offense again set sail toward the Ranger goal line.

The 51-yard scoring march was capped off by a short touchdown run by Levon Wheeler, and Marcus Taylor added the two-point conversion, as the Rebels' lead went to 42-6 with 4:04 left in the game.

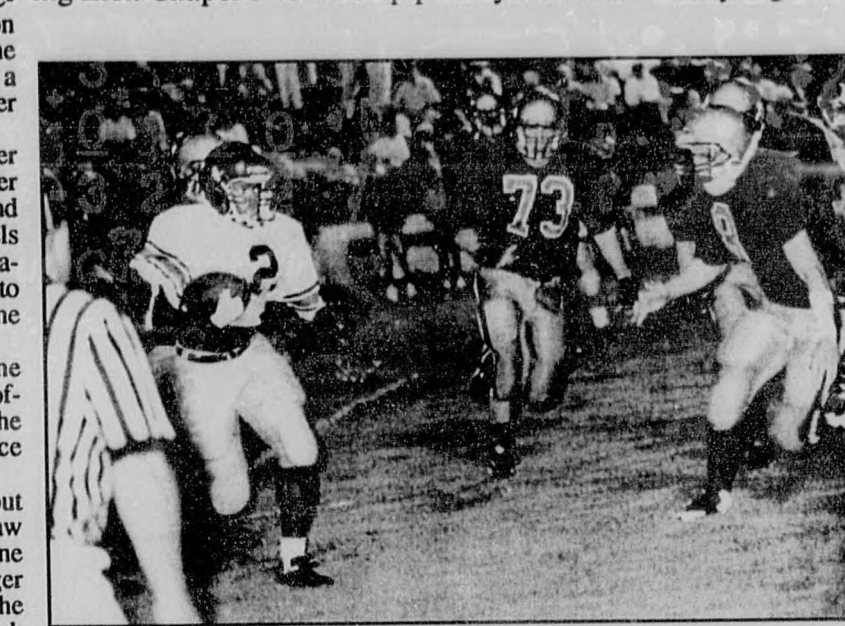
The Rebels got the football right back at the Lyman Ward 14-yard line following a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, and seven snaps later Wheeler again reached paydirt as Zion Chapel put the finishing touches on the big 48-6 win.

Durane Flowers gained 174 yards on 16 carries to lead the Rebel rushing attack, while Junior Jones added 73 yards on 14 carries before leaving the game with an injury in the third quarter.

The Rebels will enjoy an open date this week.



A Rebel receiver leaps high in an attempt to haul in a pass during Zion Chapel's 48-6 romp past Lyman Ward Friday night.



Zion Chapel's Durane Flowers (2) heads upfield and sees nothing but daylight in the Rebels' 48-6 win over Lyman Ward. Flowers gained 174 yards to spark the Rebels to their third win of the season against two losses.



Rebel quarterback Ben Pritchett (10) heads upfield and eyes the endzone in last week's big win over Lyman Ward. The Rebels will enjoy an open date this week.

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Farm Service Agency election deadline announced

The deadline for filing nomination petitions for election to the Farm Service Agency County Office Committee is Oct. 27, according to David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director.

Eaddy said county offices were to have completed a list of area farmers eligible to vote in the election, and will issue pertinent information pertaining to the election.

"All local farmers are eligible to vote in the election," Eaddy said. "All a producer needs to do is get his or her name on the list of eligible voters at the county office. All farmers eligible to vote are eligible to run for the county committee."

The FSA County Office Committee is the most direct link between USDA farm programs and producers. The county committee system helps shape national-wide programs into programs that work at the local level on things such as commodity price support loans and payments, allotments, yields and marketing quotas for some crops.

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Two Elba police officers honored for rescue of man from Pea River

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City Council watched Monday evening as two local police officers were honored for their heroic efforts in rescuing a citizen who had jumped from the Pea River Bridge.

Officer Kenny Jackson and Auxiliary Officer Blake Foley were presented plaques by Police Chief R.

Whitworth and Lt. John Nelson for their successful efforts to pull the man from the river on September 29th and administer first aid while awaiting the Rescue Squad. The citation read that the man went above and beyond the call of duty.

Whitworth explained that Jackson approached the man, who was up on the bridge railing, and urged him to come down.

Instead the man jumped. Jackson

managed to get to the man and pull him from the other side of the river. There Foley joined him and they administered first aid, getting the man breathing again while they were awaiting the arrival of the rescue squad to transport him to the local hospital.

The council voted unanimously to proceed with the \$2.8 million sewer upgrade project (KMA #7023) which has been in the planning stage for over two years. This project was explained in detail in the October 9 issue of *The Elba Clipper*.

Prior to the quick motion and vote, council members heard Mayor James Grimes recommend approval and noted that the council has held several workshops and a public hearing on the project.

Council member Harold Bannin commended the Mayor and City Clerk Donnie Morrow for their efforts to insure that all council members understood the details of the project. He noted that at first he was opposed to the long term debt, but after hearing all the details, was now a supporter.

Council members then voted, again unanimously, not to proceed with a grant project placing a walking path from Taylor Mill Road to the new school. A federal grant of \$50,000 sounded good, but the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$130,000 to \$190,000. "We have more pressing priorities," Grimes told council members.

Several board appointments were made. Carl Brown was named to replace Susan Lawford on the Zoning Board of Adjustments; Ibell Oggs and Junia Scott were named to another term on this board.

Council members were told that

Joyce Coleman had moved from the city limits and needed replacing on the Elba Planning & Zoning Board. The mayor said they were in the process of getting a letter of resignation from her and then another appointment would be made.

Mayor Grimes and council member Ben Carpenter abstained from voting, as they each also serve as members of the zoning board.

Mike Tindol, representing the Elba Volunteer Fire Department, asked the council to approve the department purchasing a paging system for department members. Firemen will keep their radios, but the pager will be with them every minute of the day.

The cost for the system is \$7,140 and there are no monthly charges, as it will work on the same radio frequency as the present radios. Tindol

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PROPOSED TEACHER-STUDENT RATIO CONCERNS BOARD

County BOE reviews PSCA projects

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was brief and to the point last Thursday evening.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden gave the board members an update of the PSCA projects now in progress at county schools.

He noted that the work on the Zion Chapel Cafeteria is 85 percent complete; the renovation on New Brookton Elementary's cafeteria is 95 percent complete; the classroom construction at New Brookton High School is 65 percent complete; and Kinross's classroom is at 15 percent.

Bowden stated that the architect said the projects are on schedule and should be completed by mid-December.

He noted that low bidder on the kitchen equipment for the Kinross and Zion Chapel lunchrooms was Moore-Warren Equipment Company of Dothan. Their total bid was \$24,830.00. The equipment will be paid for with Child Nutrition Program funds.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Bowden, the board approved the Dual Enrollment Policy presented for the board's consideration at the last meeting.

Bowden noted that students must have the approval of their principal and the superintendent before enrolling in college courses. Also, these classes cannot interfere with their high school schedule.

Superintendent Bowden briefed the board on the effect that Divisor #4 class capsize will have on Coffee County Schools.

"I'm in total support of reducing class sizes. It's a wonderful concept," said Bowden. "The problem I

have, just like everybody else in this area, is that we're utilizing all the money they send us to hire teachers already."

Bowden told board members that funding supplied by the enactment of the 1995 Foundation Program Plan, plus local funding was already being used to employ teachers in the coffee system.

He noted that county schools do not have any overcrowded classrooms and that SAC (Southern Association of Colleges) standards are presently being met by the system.

The resolution passed by the State Board of Education sets the student-teacher ratio standards at a more stringent level than that of the SAC.

An example of the new standards versus the present standard is as follows: Alabama Limits for Grades 1-3 is 1 teacher to 18 students; the present SAC standards require 1 teacher to 28 students.

The implementation of the new standards is set for January 1998.

Bowden expressed concern about dividing classes in the middle of a school year. He also estimated that the implementation of the new teacher-student ratio would require the hiring of 11 new teachers and the construction of 11 new classrooms in the county school system.

In a recent (last week) meeting of the state's school superintendents, it was learned that a survey would be made in all local school systems to see if the implementation of the new standards will be possible under the present funding.

There are provisions in the new standards for exemptions to the timetable of implementing the new standards. Each request for an exemption will be reviewed by the State Superintendent of Education on a case-by-case basis.

Bottomline, Bowden told board members, "We will conduct the sur-

vey and compile all the requested data and since we are presently using all our Foundation money to hire teachers... we will ask for an exception."

Bowden told the board that he would be able to give them a better status report at the next meeting.

The board entered into an executive session to hear from a "concerned" parent.

Last Friday, U.S. District Judge Robert Varner terminated the 1985 court order over the Coffee County Jail. The injunction was issued as a result of a 1983 lawsuit alleging poor conditions for inmates. Coffee County's jail was the third to be freed from a federal court.

Authorities warn public of counterfeit money in the area. Be on the lookout for counterfeit \$20 and \$50 bills bearing one of the following serial numbers: F28416253B, C21431699C, K03313215A, or F102077383A.

FALL IS IN THE AIR...Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens (right) and Ralph Bradley (left), owner of Bradley's Florist, put the finishing touches on the decorations that adorn the corners of the courthouse square in downtown Elba. One knows fall is near when Mr. Robert places the corn stalks, bales of hay, and pumpkins on the square as he has done for many years. Bring on the cool weather - and rain.

Health department to give flu shots

The Coffee County Health Department will have special walk-in clinics for flu shots on the following dates: Friday, October 24, 8-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m.; Friday, October 31, 8-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m.

There will be no charge for those persons who are Medicare or Medicaid eligible (Medicare or Medicaid cards will be required). Others who wish to take the shot will be charged \$5.

All senior citizens who are chronically ill and wish to avoid the flu are urged to take the shot.

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